

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 12 noon, on Thursday, May 31, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5859–5870; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 127–128; and H.Res. 668–670 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3857, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include as an eligible use the sustainment of specialized operational teams used by local law enforcement under the Transit Security Grant Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–498);

H.R. 4005, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study and report to Congress on gaps in port security in the United States and a plan to address them, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–499);

H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–500);

H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–501);

S. 363, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–502);

H.R. 460, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–503, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 667, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5743) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5854) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5855) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–504);

H.R. 1818, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–505); S. 925, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence (H. Rept. 112–506);

H.R. 1280, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require congressional approval of agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation with foreign countries, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–507, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3289, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide clarification relating to disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements are in conformance with certain protections; to provide certain additional authorities to the Office of Special Counsel; and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–508, Pt. 1).

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:32 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Divisional Realignment Act of 2012: H.R. 5512, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to realign divisions within two judicial districts;

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Food and Drug Administration Reform Act of 2012: H.R. 5651, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices and to establish user-fee programs for generic drugs and biosimilars, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 294;

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Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2012: H.R. 3310, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens;

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Servicemember Family Protection Act: H.R. 4201, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 295;

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Secure Border Act: H.R. 1299, amended, to achieve operational control of and improve security at the international land borders of the United States;

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Requiring the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act: H.R. 3670, to require the Transportation Security Admin-

istration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act;

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WMD Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2012: H.R. 2764, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish weapons of mass destruction intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security;

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Jaime Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act: H.R. 915, amended, to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 391 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 296;

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Mass Transit Intelligence Prioritization Act: H.R. 3140, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the assignment of officers and analysts to certain State and urban area fusion centers to enhance the security of mass transit systems;

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National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5740, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program; and

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Export Promotion Reform Act: H.R. 4041, amended, to amend the Export Enhancement Act of 1988 to further enhance the promotion of exports of United States goods and services.

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Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Broun (GA) announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2012: H.R. 3541, amended, to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or race.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3268.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3248, H3248–49, H3249–50. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013; MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013; AND ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5743, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013”; H.R. 5855, the “Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2013”; H.R. 5854, the “Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2013”; and H.R. 5325, the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013”. The Committee granted, by a record vote, a structured rule for H.R. 5743. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence shall be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Rogers (MI).

The resolution further provides open rules for H.R. 5854, H.R. 5855, and H.R. 5325. The rule provides one hour of general debate on each bill

equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of each bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in each bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that each bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides that the Chair may accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit each bill with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frelinghuysen, Visclosky, Culberson, Bishop (GA), Aderholt, and Price (NC).

PURCHASING PERSPECTIVE: VA’S PROSTHETICS PARADOX

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Purchasing Perspective: VA’s Prosthetics Paradox”. Testimony was heard from Charles Scoville, Chief of Amputee Patient Care Service, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Department of Defense; Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Philip Matkovsky, Assistant Deputy Under-Secretary for Health for Administrative Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup of Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for FY 2013, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Broken Budget Process: Legislative Proposals”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Barriers to Lower Health Care Costs for Workers and Employers”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.